



Brownfields Internet Homepage

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA's Brownfields Initiative strategies include funding pilot programs and other research efforts, clarifying liability issues, entering into partnerships, conducting outreach activities, developing job training programs, and addressing environmental justice concerns.

GETTING THE WORD OUT ON BROWNFIELDS

EPA's Brownfields Internet Homepage went on-line in January 1996. EPA developed the Brownfields Homepage to maximize distribution of brownfields information, increase the timeliness of this information, and reduce document distribution costs. The Homepage is an effective vehicle for providing local governments, businesses, affected community members, and other brownfields stakeholders with access to the brownfields information and tools they need to become involved in local brownfields decisions.

The Brownfields Homepage provides a forum for dialogue across organizations, communities, and the media to understand and address brownfields problems.

FINDING THE BROWNFIELDS HOMEPAGE

The Brownfields Homepage is accessed by using the following "address" in any standard World Wide Web (WWW) browser:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

THE WORLD OF BROWNFIELDS INFORMATION

The Homepage is updated frequently to ensure users have access to the most current brownfields

information and redevelopment tools. Key information available includes:

Brownfields Information and Publications: Provides general information about EPA's Brownfields Initiative, including the Brownfields Mission Statement, the 1995-1996 Action Agenda, Major Milestones/Accomplishments, and Announcements. An index of brownfields publications, endorsements, and useful contacts are also provided.

Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot Projects: Site-specific information on the 78 Brownfields Pilot projects awarded by EPA is available. Internet users can download fact sheets for the Brownfields pilots.

Homepage Regional Links: The EPA Headquarters Brownfields Homepage provides links to homepages in Regions 3, 4, 5, and 9 and describes specific Regional office brownfields efforts. The URL "addresses" for the Regional Brownfields homepages are:

Region 3: <http://www.epa.gov/reg3hwmd/brownfld/hmpage1.htm>

Region 4: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/wastepgs/brownfpgs/bf.htm>

Region 5: <http://www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields/>

Region 9: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html>

Other EPA Internet Pages: The Brownfields Internet Homepage provides direct links to other EPA Internet homepages. These other homepages include: Environmental Justice; Superfund; Technology Information; Underground Storage Tanks; Federal Facilities; and other EPA Headquarters offices.

Recent and Upcoming Events: The latest press releases and reports concerning brownfields, such as the proposed Brownfields Tax Incentive and new pilot awards can be found on the Homepage. Also included is information about key meetings, workshops, and conferences.

FUTURE HOMEPAGE PLANS

EPA is providing new material onto the Brownfields Internet Homepage, including new site information, and updated policies and guidance. In addition, future versions of the Brownfields Homepage will: allow users to query information pertaining to their specific brownfields sites; access more in-depth pilot information, including maps, photographs, and updates of ongoing activities; and access cleanup and redevelopment tools, such as the CERCLIS archive list and the LandView™ II population/demographics database.

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